

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated January 10, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-55 are pending in the application. No new matter has been introduced.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-55 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as reciting new matter. The Examiner alleges that the recitation of "wherein said proposal includes both guaranteed and illustrated costs and benefits of the product" is new matter. Applicants respectfully disagree. The Examiner's attention is directed to page 12, line 25 of the originally filed application, which states "[t]his data includes data about the product's proposed benefits and price on both a guaranteed and illustrated basis." A more detailed discussion of the proposal is found throughout the specification as well.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-55 do not recite new subject matter, and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection to the claims. Applicants submit that claims 1-55 are therefore allowable, and such action is hereby solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.


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